

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 396

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Blythe-Bower Elementary School upon receiving the Education Consumers Foundation's Value-Added Achievement Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding schools that provide the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable school is Blythe-Bower Elementary School, which has distinguished itself as one of the finest educational institutions in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Principal Guilford R. Hill has been awarded the Education Consumers Foundation's Value-Added Achievement Award, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure and a fitting recognition of the hard work and unwavering dedication of Blythe-Bower Elementary School's administrators, teachers, and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Value-Added Achievement Award recognizes that Blythe-Bower Elementary, with Principal Hill at its helm, has been among the most effective of Tennessee's more than 1,300 elementary and middle schools in teaching reading/language arts and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Blythe-Bower Elementary was selected on the basis of its most recent three-year-average achievement gains in the subjects of reading/language arts and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hill is ably assisted by Judy Cobb, Secretary; Angie Massengale, Assistant; Sue Griffith, Nurse; Marsha Wallace, Curriculum Specialist; Angie Goodwill, Literacy Leader; and Jean Brandon, Parent Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the students at Blythe-Bower benefit from the time and energies put forth by the teachers and teaching assistants who guide them through the hallowed halls of education, bestowing upon them the skills and lessons the students will need to succeed in life; and

WHEREAS, the talented teachers and assistants of Blythe-Bower Elementary School are pre-school teachers Sonia Griffey, Britany Kelly, Doreen Scott, Darlene Gordon, Meredith Ogle, Minnie Roberts, and Jackie Smith; pre-school assistants Julie Brumlow, Amber Howell, Marilynn Morris, Shirlee Harris, and Katherine Spencer; Kindergarten teachers Britany Gobble, Jeanette Connolly, Sondra Park, and Lori Sentell; first grade teachers Mary Margaret-Moore, Jennie Nelson, Lisa Pemberton, Dawn Stansberry, and Cyndi Summers; second grade teachers Vicki Cline, Carol Gregory, Holly Penix, and Audrey Waggoner; third grade teachers Karla Bolanos, Sonjia Norman, Brittany Hicks, and Andrea Phillips; fourth grade teachers Kim Foxworth, Ruthanna Goldston, and Laurehn Shelton; fifth grade teachers Tammy Dale, Lucille Humphries, and Sylvia King; art teacher Aloha Buffington; Behavioral Interventionist Amy Hicks; computer teacher Sue Crisp; ELL teacher Steven Duncan; guidance teacher Laura Murray; librarian Delbert King; music teacher Gloria Scott-Richmond; physical education teachers Kelly Geyer and Craig Winsor; special education teachers Cindy Patton and Glen Dent; special education assistants Terry Davis and Soshee Durantes; speech teacher Janet Demastus; speech assistant Angel Coile; tech coach Barbara Hutchins; reading interventionist teachers Charlotte George, Patsy Plumley, Rebecca Somers, and Glenda Taylor; reading interventionist assistants Sharon Coppler, Shelia Kendrick, Shirley Knight, Teresa Mangrum, Janice Odom, Barbara Pretzer, Mary Reynolds, Sue Rigney, Connie Rogers, Sherry Sines, and Angie Ware; and

WHEREAS, the students at Blythe-Bower Elementary are aided in their pursuit of education by the acumen and alacrity displayed by the school's staff members; and

WHEREAS, the staff members are cafeteria personnel Rose Redmond, Dean Ellis, Maxine Hansard, Bonnie Jenkins, Angela Dawsey, April Mashburn, Dora Hayes, and Miriam Maldonado; SRO officer April Ratcliff; and custodian Charles Bird; and

WHEREAS, Blythe-Bower Elementary epitomizes the ideal educational facility, and its administrators, teachers, and staff are wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Blythe-Bower Elementary School upon its receiving the Education Consumers Foundation's Value-Added Achievement Award, commend the administrators, teachers, and staff members exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute their professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.